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Title: Need for a special recruitment drive for the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe employmees to clear the backlog of reserved posts in various Government services.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (ADOOR): Sir, I thank you for giving this opportunity to raise an urgent and important public matter.

The unemployment problem in the country is increasing day by day, particularly among the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe educated youth because of the ban on recruitment imposed both by the Government of India and the State Governments. The situation will further deteriorate after disinvestment, globalisation and privatisation of industries, Public Sector Undertakings and financial institutions, because, in that case, they will not be under obligation to provide reservation in recruitment and promotion to the employees belonging to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities.

The State Governments have also started reducing the strength of the employees due to reforms. This will, *inter alia,* affect the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe employees. Also, there are a number of reserved posts lying unfilled, and there is a heavy backlog of reserved posts in the Government of India, Public Sector Undertakings and banks. Hence, I request that the Government should carry out special recruitment drive for these Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe employees to clear the backlog.

MR. SPEAKER: In the 'Zero Hour', you have to say it in one sentence. This is only to draw the attention of the Government.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : I would request the Government, if necessary, to amend the Constitution to provide reservation in the private sector industries/undertakings, financial institutions and schools and colleges where the Government has direct or indirect participation or where the Government extends any type of financial assistance, help for modernisation, extension or in setting up further units in the private sector.